

LONG-TERM RECOVERY PLANNING FOR LOUISIANA

Planning ideas and input of Louisiana citizens. Partnerships with experienced professionals.

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POLICY DEVELOPMENT

State and Local Priorities:

- Louisiana Recovery Authority
- Louisiana Legislature
- Local Governing Bodies

FUNDING

State, Federal and Non Government Organizations and Other Funding Sources LOUISIANA SPEAKS is working to establish Long Term
Community Recovery Plans with the Parish leaders in
20 southern Louisiana parishes that were impacted by
Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. These parishes were chosen
based on their level of impact as well as their capacity to
conduct their own recovery.

IMPLEMENTATION

State, Regional and Local Implementation Groups

PLANNING

Louisiana Recovery Plan In addition, many parishes are holding planning workshops to support LOUISIANA SPEAKS and our communities. Contact your local parish leaders to learn about one in your area.

February 6 – February 11
• Neighborhood Planning
Charrette I (Lake Charles)

• Neighborhood Planning

Charrette III (Arabi)

Charrette II (Erath, Delcambre

February 12 – 19
• Neighborhood Planning

and Abbeville)

March 7 – 15

2005

October / November

• Meetings with parish and local officials

December 11 - 14

• Governmental Workshops for Recovery Planning with parish and local officials

2006

January 21

• Louisiana Recovery Planning Day: 20 parishes, 12 out-of-state and 5 in-state city public input events

February 9

• Delivery of this document, Louisiana Recovery Planning Day State and Parish Report

Early March

• Draft *Plan Review* and Public Comment Period

LOCAL /
PARISH-SPECIFIC
PLANNING
INITIATIVES

BEST PRACTICES STYLE GUIDES AND TOOL KIT MODEL
NEIGHBORHOOD
DESIGN
CHARRETTES

REGIONAL SCENARIOS IMPACT ANALYSIS

May

- Regional Plan Full day workshops
- Regional Plan development: Experts scenario charrette

September

 Regional Plan development: Public dissemination and comment on scenarios

November

- Final Regional Vision Plan December
- Regional Plan:
 Vison map and action items

March 20 -25

• Planning Tool Kit Workshop 1

May

• Planning Tool Kit Workshop 2

June

• Final draft Architectural Pattern Book

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LOUISIANA THINK BIG AT LOUISIANA RECOVERY PLANNING DAY

n Saturday, January 21, 2006, several thousand Louisiana residents took time out of their personal recoveries to spend a few hours "thinking big" about their state's long-term hurricane recovery. Simultaneous open house meetings were held in 25 Louisiana parishes and in 9 other states.

Why was Louisiana Recovery Planning Day So Important?

The purpose of the day was to gather specific ideas and preferences from hurricane-affected Louisianans about how they want their communities and their state to be rebuilt. The open house events provided a forum to encourage meaningful, ongoing involvement in identifying top recovery issues and goals for each community. The open houses also updated Louisianans on recovery planning efforts that were underway, and encouraged people to think beyond individual needs and to start planning for the future of their communities.

IN-STATE CITY
LOCATIONS
Alkandria
Baton Rouge
Monroe
Shreveport
LOCATIONS
Atlanta
Austin
Dallas
Houston
Memphis
San Antonio
San Antonio
Merway, and
And to start planning for

Louisiana Recovery Planning Day was hosted by **LOUISIANA SPEAKS**, a joint initiative of the Louisiana Recovery Authority (LRA) and federal departments coordinated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Local chapters of the United Way, the American Red Cross and The Salvation Army also conducted "Host-Your-Own" versions of the open house meeting in Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Chicago, Detroit, Phoenix, Nashville and St. Louis. All told, Louisianans attended meetings in 20 southern Louisiana parishes most directly impacted by the storm, and in 5 in-state and 12 out-of-state cities with large evacuee populations. Louisiana Recovery Planning Day was designed to give close to 80 percent of Louisiana residents affected by Hurricanes Rita and Katrina the opportunity to participate in organized planning events.

Effects of Katrina and Rita

- · Worst U.S. natural disaster in history
- Damaged 217,000 homes
- Displaced more than 1.4 million people
- Damaged more than 18,000 businesses
- Caused \$25 Billion in insured losses
- Equivalent of 50 years of coastal erosion in 2 days

Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco proclaimed Louisiana Recovery Planning Day as a milestone to mark the significant progress that has been made on Louisiana's road to recovery. The events provided Louisiana's citizens with an opportunity to share their ideas and desires for long-term recovery, and reminded the nation about the critical issues and needs facing Louisiana and its citizens.

LOUISIANA STATEWIDE RESULTS

The Public Input Process

Individuals attending the open houses on Louisiana Recovery Planning Day prioritized planning principles, made tough choices on how to rebuild and identified what they most treasured in their communities. Participants considered issues relating to housing and community development, environmental and coastal issues, economic development, human services, and transportation and infrastructure. They shared their ideas through one-on-one conversations with **LOUISIANA SPEAKS** staff members, who encouraged participants to write down and post their ideas so that others could see and respond to them.





Examples of actual input boards used at Planning Day

This document summarizes responses from all 37 open house meetings to present both parish-specific and statewide priorities. Input collected from out-of-state events was separated by each participant's home parish and combined with the information collected from their home parishes.

State and local officials and parish planners began using this data immediately after the meetings to identify recovery projects and draft plans that will jump-start Louisiana's recovery. As the building blocks for developing Louisiana's regional vision, these plans will be used to establish funding priorities for recovery over the next several years.

Toward Consensus

The public input showed that residents across Louisiana strongly agree on several things, including the need for safety. For instance, input from participants across the United States made it clear, by a two-to-one margin, that rebuilding the levees is a top priority. Restoration of coastal areas, which can help buffer the effects of hurricanes as they make landfall, also made it to the "TOP 3" statewide priorities. Of the fifteen survey options asked, the "TOP 3" represents 40% of all the responses.

PRIORITIES

What is most important to you in rebuilding? If you were in charge of rebuilding and could work on ONLY THREE (3) top priorities, what would they be?

- #1 Build better levees & other hurricane protection
- #2 Encourage development of new housing
- #3 Restore coastal areas

IN RANK ORDER:

- 4. Improving the Schools
- 5. Attracting New Businesses to the Area
- 6. Making Reconstruction Jobs/ Training Available for Residents
- 7. Providing Better Community/ Social Services (elder/ childhealth care, etc.)
- 8. Making Highway and Street Improvements
- 9. Reducing Crime

- 10. Devising a Workable Evacuation Plan
- 11. Protecting the Environment
- 12. Buying Out Flood-prone Properties
- 13. Providing a Better Public Transportation System
- 14. Supporting the Arts and Culture
- 15. Creating More Parks and Open Spaces

All participants were asked how safe their community must be before they would consider returning, rebuilding or reinvesting. The overwhelming majority of south Louisiana citizens sought safety for themselves, their families, their homes, and their communities. The participants also focused on the safety of their investments to avoid loss in future storms.

The need for safety and protective measures will be a required component of any investment or expenditure. The emphasis on safety at every level is a clear indicator that the public expects investments made in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita to be used in ways that reduce or eliminate the risk of future damages from natural hazards.

WHEN WILL WE RETURN?

63%

Safer than before

16%

Same level of safety as before

21%

Move back now

LOUISIANA STATEWIDE RESULTS

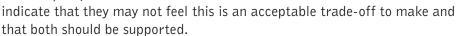
Planning Day participants agreed that both public and private investments should be protected from future losses, that some locations are too at-risk to rebuild, and that high-risk areas should not be the first areas to be rebuilt. Participants also expressed a desire to exercise some control (through zoning and land use plans) over the rebuilding process. This shows an understanding that building back in a different way than before may help accomplish goals of reducing future risk and ensuring safety.

The majority of participants agreed that they were willing to modify the plans of their particular parish in order to address broader regional issues. Looking at the interrelationship between parish plans and taking a more regional approach as appropriate, will provide more stability and help communities be more resilient.

Participants' responses were evenly split on whether people should be guaranteed the right to return to their original home sites. The percentage of respondents who were NOT willing to guarantee the right to rebuild on their old homesites is notable, given the strong commitment to property rights expressed by many in south Louisiana. This may indicate receptiveness in some locations to relocation or consolidation as part of the recovery. Additional work will be necessary to develop a broader consensus on this issue.

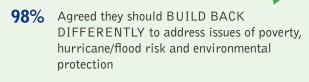
Planning Day participants were also divided over whether other parish needs (such as housing and transportation) should be sacrificed for purposes of improving levees or constructing new ones in the event that insufficient funding

is available to do both. However, responses also

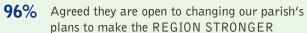


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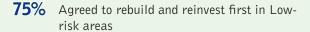


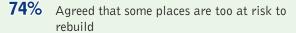


WE STRONGLY AGREE







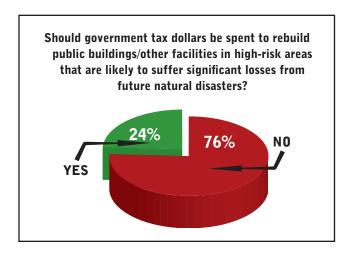


SPLIT DECISIONS



Almost 50-50 division from participants on an important issue:

 Ensuring that everyone who wants to return could come back to their original home site



Should we ensure everyone who wants to return, could

come back to their original homesite?

51%

NO

LOUISIANA STATEWIDE RESULTS

Regional Considerations

With the exception of Vermilion, which noted levee rebuilding and other hurricane protection as a priority, the western parishes of Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, and Cameron, and Jefferson Davis all selected Economic Development as one of their "TOP 3" priorities. Human Service needs were also at the top of the list for Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu and Cameron. The western parishes agree that some areas are too risky to rebuild. All but Cameron were also in agreement that public buildings should not be rebuilt in high-risk areas that may experience future losses. Only Beauregard disagreed with prioritizing levees reconstruction at the expense of other infrastructure and human services.

The eastern coastal parishes of Plaquemines, St. Bernard, Jefferson and Orleans declared rebuilding levees and other hurricane protection as their number one priority. The first three parishes named were willing to choose flood protection over other projects that may be compromised if insufficient funds were available to address all needs. However, responses also seem to indicate that they may not feel this is an acceptable trade-off to make and that both should be supported. It is clear that the eastern parish participants were reserved in making the decision to return, rebuild or reinvest in their community unless safety issues were dealt with.

Linking Ideas, Plans and Funding

LOUISIANA SPEAKS is sharing the participants' information and priorities with parish and state government and planning organizations. The information is being used to identify projects supporting the community-led process. These priorities will help identify and define the value of the recovery projects for the individual parish, state and regional recovery plans. These plans will serve as the building blocks for developing Louisiana's regional vision. The Louisiana Recovery Authority is tying these plans to funding priorities for recovery projects involving infrastructure, housing, environmental restoration and more.

All elements of the planning effort are dedicated to building consensus through inclusive, participatory dialogue and action. Transparency, diversity and fairness are being honored at every step of this process.







LOUISIANA RECOVERY PLANNING DAY MEDIA



Calcasieu Parish Continues Plans for Long-Term Recovery

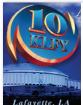




La. Recovery Planning Day Open House - 31 **Events Now Scheduled** in La., Ga., Tenn. La. Planning Day and Texas Saturday in Atlanta



At LRA Center, recovery means many things



Louisiana Recovery Planning Day Open House To Be Held Saturday In Houston



Residents Still Needed For LRA Plan







Residents invited to give input on community rebuilding efforts



Residents get to have voices heard on recovery





Louisiana Recovery Planning Day

dailycomet.com

Residents have their say at **FEMA** meeting

HOUMA today.com

online edition of

THE COURIER

Share your thoughts on storm-recovery effort

The Daily Advertiser

RECOVERY EFFORTS GET FEEDBACK Residents have opportunity to voice opinions.

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Recovery Planning Day scheduled Saturday as part of statewide effort

The Daily News

Washington Parish's Louisiana Recovery Day

NEWS 3

Evacuees In Memphis To Participate in Louisiana Recovery Planning Day

La. Recovery Planning Day Open House to be Held Saturday in Houston

The Times

IT'S TIME TO MOVE FORWARD, LOUISIANA Don't allow energy to dissipate on what can't be undone.

The New York Times

Forum For Evacuees

THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL

La. Recovery days planned



Calcasieu Parish Continues Plans for Long-Term Recovery



voices heard on recovery



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ALAMO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

ACCD Responds to Louisiana Recovery Planning Day





Public offers 'good suggestions' for long-term storm recovery

ALLEN PARISH

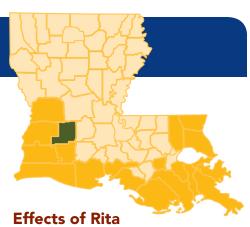
Most of the effects Allen residents have felt from the storm are related to an influx of people from more severely affected parishes and the resulting impacts on the local economy. Allen residents want to rebuild in low-risk areas first.

WHEN WILL WE RETURN?

85% Safer than before

Same level of safety as before

1% Move back now



Allen was moderately impacted by the storm. More than 34% of households were affected. The parish is currently supporting a 7% increase in population.

WE TREASURE...

...our quiet lifestyle which has been altered by increased traffic since the storm. We value our recreational activities, such as canoeing, hunting and fishing.

PARISH TOP PRIORITIES:

- #1 Attract new businesses to the area
- #2 Provide better community & social services
- #3 Encourage development of new housing
- #4 Make reconstruction jobs/training more available

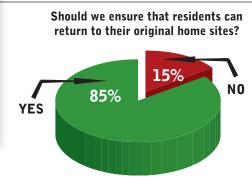
Should zoning and land-use plans be

used to guide rebuilding?

60%

40%





N₀

WE STRONGLY AGREE

95% Changing our parish plans is an option if it makes the region stronger

94% Some places are too risky to rebuild

92% We should rebuild in low-risk areas first

SPLIT DECISIONS



40% Zoning and land-use plans should be used to guide rebuilding

40% We should rebuild public buildings that are in high-risk areas

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YES

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BEAUREGARD PARISH

Residents of Beauregard are willing to consider making changes to facilitate successful rebuilding. Using zoning and land use plans to guide rebuilding, and changing the parish plans to strengthen the region were both unanimously supported.

WHEN WILL WE RETURN?

71%

Safer than before

29%

Same level of safety as before

0% Move back now



Effects of Rita

Beauregard was moderately impacted by the hurricane. Over 200 homes were damaged.

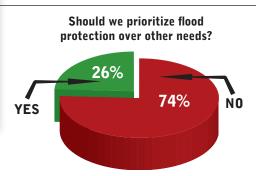
WE TREASURE...

...our quiet downtown and our rural lifestyle. These things changed after the storm.

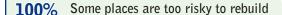
PARISH TOP PRIORITIES:

- #1 Attract new businesses to the area
- #2 Provide better community & social services
- #3 Make reconstruction jobs/training more available
- #4 Make highway and street improvements





WE STRONGLY AGREE

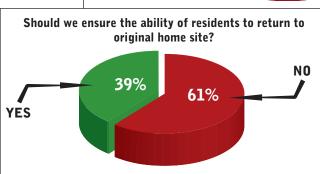


100% Zoning and land use plans should be used to guide rebuilding

100% Changing our parish plans is an option if it makes the region stronger

96% Public buildings in high-risk areas should not be rebuilt

95% We should rebuild in low-risk areas first



CALCASIEU PARISH

Residents of Calcasieu were hard hit by Hurricane Rita, and economic development tops the list of their recovery priorities. Residents also feel that zoning and land use plans should be used to guide redevelopment.

WHEN WILL WE RETURN?

20% Safer than before

63% Same level of safety as before

17% Move back now



Effects of Rita

Calcasieu was severely affected by the hurricane. Over 61% of buildings suffered damages, and the parish experienced evacuation of up to 19,000 households.

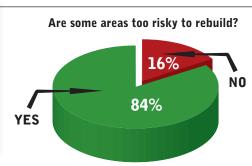
PARISH TOP PRIORITIES:

- 1 Attract new businesses to the area
- #2 Provide better community & social services
- #3 Encourage development of new housing
- #4 Improve the schools

WE TREASURE...

...our green spaces an<mark>d</mark> parks, marsh habitats, Cheniers and the lake. We value our architectural character and the strong Cajun culture shown in our older and historic neighborhoods.





Should we prioritize flood protection over other needs? YES 70% NO

WE STRONGLY AGREE

97% Changing our parish plans is an option if it makes the region stronger

96% Zoning and land use plans should be used to guide rebuilding

84% Some places are too risky to rebuild

75% It is not essential that residents be allowed to return to their original home sites

73% Public buildings should not be rebuilt in high-risk areas

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CAMERON PARISH

Cameron residents listed improving schools, attracting new business, and developing housing as their priorities. The parish seat is located in a high-risk area and of the Cameron residents who attended the meeting, most stated a willingness to rebuild those public buildings. It is the sentiment of some that areas of commerce must be rebuilt, even though they are in a high-risk/high-damage area.

WHEN WILL WE RETURN?

21% Safer than before

9% Same level of safety as before

70%

Move back now

PARISH TOP PRIORITIES:

Effects of Rita

Cameron was one of the most devastated of all Louisiana parishes. Over 60% of buildings

evacuation of over 1,000 households.

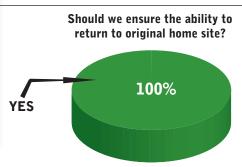
suffered damages, and the parish experienced an

- #1 Improve the schools
- #2 Encourage development of new housing
- #3 Attract new businesses to the area
- #4 Restore coastal areas

WE TREASURE...

...our school system and our coastal cheniers. Our marshes and wildlife are important, including Holly Beach, the bird sanctuary and our wildlife refuges.







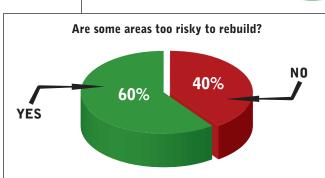
100% We should rebuild public buildings that are in high-risk areas

100% Zoning and land use plans should be used to guide rebuilding

100% Flood protection should not be prioritized over other needs

100% Changing our parish plans is an option if it makes the region stronger

77% We should rebuild first in high-risk areas



IBERIA PARISH

Iberia residents consider safety and storm protection measures to be their highest priorities, and are willing to change their parish planning in order to strengthen their region. They also are interested in rebuilding using zoning and land use planning.

WHEN WILL WE RETURN?

67%

Safer than before

13%

Same level of safety as before

20%

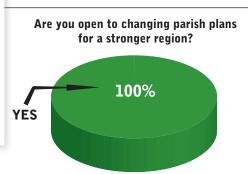
Move back now

PARISH TOP PRIORITIES:

- #1 Restore coastal areas
- #2 Build better levees & other hurricane protection
- #3 Devise a workable evacuation plan
- #4 Attract new businesses to the area

THINS III

YES



Effects of Katrina and Rita

Iberia Parish experienced significant population growth after Katrina. More than 1,000 homes

and a large number of businesses were damaged

WE STRONGLY AGREE

WE TREASURE...

opportunities.

...our historic landm<mark>ar</mark>ks, architecture and cajun culture. We want to preserve

our shrimping, sugarcane, rice and crawfish industries. We value our wetlands, wildlife and great hunting

- **96%** Zoning and land use plans should be used to guide rebuilding
- **86%** Public buildings that in high-risk areas should not be rebuilt.
- 80% We should rebuild in low-risk areas first

SPLIT DECISIONS



- 69% Some areas are too risky to rebuild
- **66%** Flood protection should not be prioritized over other needs

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JEFFERSON PARISH

Storm protection measures and prudent storm-resistant rebuilding guidelines were top priorities for Jefferson Parish. Parish residents supported rebuilding in low-risk areas first and felt that some areas are too risky to rebuild at all.

WHEN WILL WE RETURN?

57%

Safer than before

4%

Same level of safety as before

39%

Move back now



Effects of Katrina and Rita

Jefferson citizens experienced extensive storm damage, though not as catastrophic as in other nearby parishes. The parish was under a total evacuation order and nearly 107,000 families incurred damage to their homes. 17% of residents have not yet returned to the parish. The shorelines and barrier islands experienced serious erosion and wetlands damage.

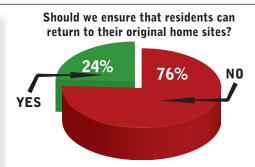
WE TREASURE...

...our good food — including seafood and seafood boils. We value festivals, parades and our Louisiana culture. We need to preserve the airport.

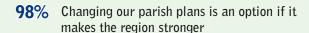
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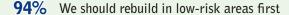
- #1 Build better levees & other hurricane protection
- **#2** Restore coastal areas
- #3 Attract new businesses to the area
- #4 Improve the schools

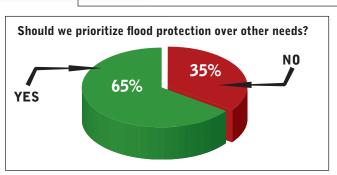




WE STRONGLY AGREE







JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH

Residents focused less on storm protection and more on other issues. These include building new housing and attracting new businesses. Nevertheless, rebuilding hurricane damaged areas remains an important issue.

WHEN WILL WE RETURN?

55%

Safer than before

27%

Same level of safety as before

18%

Move back now



Effects of Rita

Approximately 6,379 families incurred damages

to their homes in the parish due to the hurricanes. Jefferson Davis Parish had a net increase of 1,898 households and increase of 590 unemployment

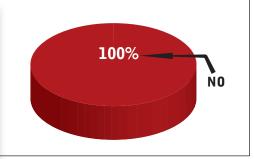
- #1 Encourage development of new housing
- #2 Devise a workable evacuation plan
- #3 Attract new businesses to the area
- #4 Restore coastal areas

WE TREASURE...

...our small town atmosphere while being close to major cities. We like our locally owned utilities and good community leadership. We value our fishing industry, our agriculture, and our reputation as a sportsman's paradise.

Should we prioritize flood protection over other needs?





WE STRONGLY AGREE

100% Flood protection should not be prioritized over other needs

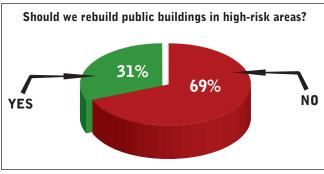
100% Zoning and land use plans should be used to guide rebuilding

100% Changing our parish plans is an option if it makes the region stronger

100% We should rebuild in low-risk areas first

67% Some areas are too risky to rebuild

67% We should ensure that residents can return to their original home sites



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LAFOURCHE PARISH

Residents in Lafourche strongly support recovery planning that is focused on storm protection. Their priorities include establishing an elevated roadway to Port Fourchon, restoring coastal wetlands and improving levee protection.

WHEN WILL WE RETURN?

35% Safer than before

35% Same level of safety as before

30% Move back now



Effects of Katrina and Rita

Major damage to the port, LA 1 and 5,000 homes resulted from landfall of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Since the hurricanes, the parish experienced an increase of 1,761 persons and has had fluctuating employment.

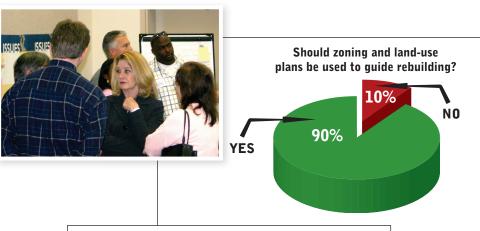
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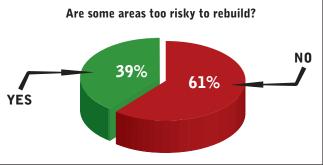
- #1 Make reconstruction jobs/training more available
- #2 Build better levees & other hurricane protection
- #3 Provide a better public transportation system

...our coastal fishing areas and our bayous.

WE STRONGLY AGREE

- **90%** Zoning and land use plans should be used to guide rebuilding
- **85%** We should prioritize flood protection over other needs
- **83%** Public buildings should not be rebuilt in high-risk areas
- **81%** We should rebuild in low-risk areas first
- **75%** Changing our parish plans is an option if it makes the region stronger.
- **70%** We should ensure that residents can return to their original home sites





ORLEANS PARISH

Orleans Parish had the largest number of displaced residents of any parish. Residents expressed an interest in improving the levees without sacrificing other social services. Residents were split on whether it was essential to allow people to rebuild on their original homesites; this is one of the many tough choices Orleans residents are facing in their rebuilding process.

WHEN WILL WE RETURN?

74%

Safer than before

1%

Same level of safety as before

19%

Move back now

PARISH TOP PRIORITIES:

#1 Build better levees & other hurricane protection

Effects of Katrina

of nearly 90% of its residents.

Orleans was one of the most devastated parishes

in Louisiana. Over 60% of the buildings were destroyed, and the parish experienced evacuation

- #2 Encourage development of new housing
- #3 Improve the schools
- #4 Make reconstruction jobs more available

WE TREASURE...

...our diversity, the historic architecture found throughout, Sundays at the French Market, family day in one of the parks (such as City, Audubon and Joe Brown), the unique food and music and the people who call Orleans Parish home.

WE STRONGLY AGREE

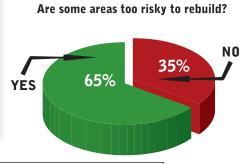
- **94%** Changing our parish plans is an option if it makes the region stronger
- **83%** Zoning and land-use plans should be used to guide rebuilding
- 70% We should rebuild in low-risk areas first

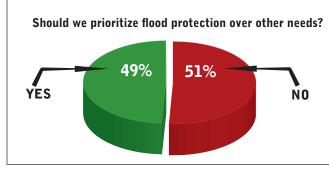
SPLIT DECISIONS



- **55%** We should ensure that residents can return to their original home sites
- **49%** We should prioritize flood protection over other needs







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PLAQUEMINES PARISH

As a highly affected parish, Plaquemines has a strong interest in focusing on hurricane protection and safety in its long-term planning process. Residents want to ensure that they can move back to their original home locations — some immediately, others more cautiously.

WHEN WILL WE RETURN?

50%

Safer than before

Same level of safety as before

45%

Move back now



Effects of Katrina and Rita

Plaquemines was one of the most devastated of all Louisiana parishes. Hurricane Rita reflooded the area. Over 50% of buildings were completely destroyed, and the parish experienced evacuation of up to 25,000 residents.

PARISH TOP PRIORITIES:

- #1 Build better levees & other hurricane protection
- #2 Restore coastal areas
- #3 Attract new businesses to the area
- #4 Improve the schools

WE TREASURE...

...our recreational opportunities, including year-round hunting and fishing and quiet communities with small businesses. We want to ensure that landmarks such as Ft. Jackson are safe.

WE STRONGLY AGREE

100% Changing our parish plans is an option if it makes the region stronger.

Zoning and land use plans should be used 81% to guide rebuilding

We should ensure that residents can return **78**% to their original home sites

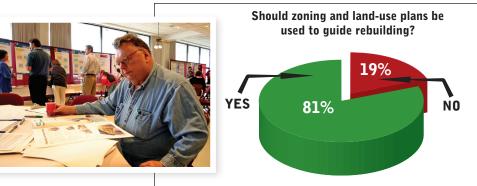
We should rebuild public buildings that are 68% in high-risk areas

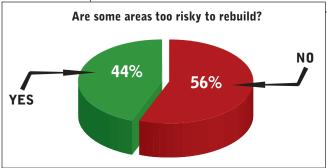
We should prioritize flood protection over 66% other needs

SPLIT DECISIONS



59% We should rebuild first in high-risk areas





ST. BERNARD PARISH

St. Bernard suffered high level of damage from Hurricane Katrina; residents' top concerns are with safety and storm protection issues. Residents also supported the use of zoning and land use plans, and felt that building should begin in low-risk areas first.

WHEN WILL WE RETURN?

61%

Safer than before

10%

Same level of safety as before

29%

Move back now

PARISH TOP PRIORITIES:

#1 Build better levees & other hurricane protection

Effects of Katrina

experienced up to 98% evacuation.

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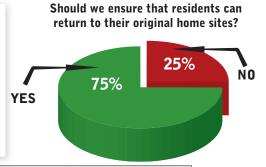
of all Louisiana parishes. Over 29,000 homes were completely destroyed, and the parish

- #2 Restore coastal areas
- #3 Buy out flood-prone properties
- #4 Encourage development of new housing

WE TREASURE...

...our neighborhoods, our coastal islands and our fishing villages. We value our recreational hunting and fishing opportunities and the historic Chalmette Battlefield.





WE STRONGLY AGREE

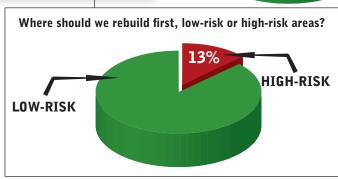
99% Changing our parish plans is an option if it makes the region stronger

87% Zoning and land use plans should be used to guide rebuilding

87% We should rebuild in low-risk areas first

86% Public buildings should not be rebuilt in high-risk areas

79% Some areas are too risky to rebuild



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ST. CHARLES PARISH

Although St. Charles was only moderately affected by Hurricane Katrina, residents' priorities reflect serious concerns about safety and storm protection. They are also dealing with a large population increase.

WHEN WILL WE RETURN?

66% Safer than before

18% Same level of safety as before

16% Move back now

WE TREASURE...

school system.



population has surged significantly since the hurricane, and their infrastructure is overburdened.

PARISH TOP PRIORITIES:

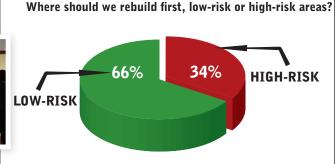
- Build better levees & other hurricane protection
- #2 Restore coastal areas
- Provide better community & social services
- Support the arts and culture

WE STRONGLY AGREE

...the fact that we are close to the city

but can enjoy the open spaces of our rural landscapes. We are proud of our

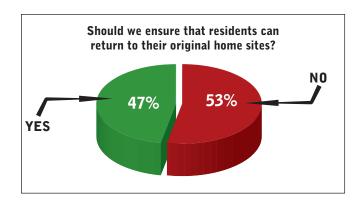
- **94%** Zoning and land use plans should be used to guide rebuilding
- **91%** Changing our parish plans is an option if it makes the region stronger
- **84%** We should prioritize flood protection over other needs
- **71%** Some areas are too risky to rebuild



SPLIT DECISIONS



- We should ensure that residents can return to their original home sites
- 45% We should rebuild public buildings that are in high-risk areas



ST. JAMES PARISH

St. James residents are more concerned with economic development issues than with storm protection. They also strongly oppose rebuilding in high-risk areas and want reconstruction decisions to be guided by zoning and land use plans.

WHEN WILL WE RETURN?

Safer than before 75%

21% Same level of safety as before

Move back now

WE TREASURE...

...our Acadian culture, quality of life and Cajun food. We need to preserve our

historic sites and sugar cane fields.



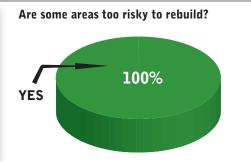
Effects of Rita and Katrina

St. James was moderately impacted by the storms with approximately 1,400 homes damaged. St. James experienced an increase of 615 households and a 90% increase in unemployment claims.

PARISH TOP PRIORITIES:

- #1 Make reconstruction jobs/training more available
- #2 Build better levees & other hurricane protection
- #3 Attract new businesses to the area
- #4 Encourage development of new housing





WE STRONGLY AGREE

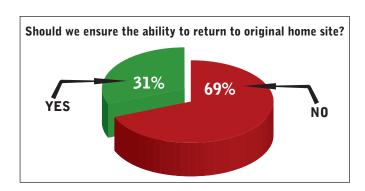
100% We should rebuild in low-risk areas first

93% Changing our parish plans is an option if it makes the region stronger.

93% Zoning and land use plans should be used to guide recovery

85% Public buildings should not be rebuilt in high-risk areas

70% We should prioritize flood protection over other needs



ST. MARY PARISH

Moderately affected by both hurricanes, St. Mary residents are concerned with storm protection issues. They support rebuilding in safer areas, but are split on whether residents should be allowed to return to their original home sites.

WHEN WILL WE RETURN?

Safer than before 45%

32% Same level of safety as before

23% Move back now

WE TREASURE...



Effects of Katrina and Rita

St. Mary was one of the moderately affected parishes in Louisiana. Storm surge flooding was identified by parish residents as the principal

PARISH TOP PRIORITIES:

- #1 Build better levees & other hurricane protection
- #2 Improve the schools
- Attract new businesses to the area
- Devise a workable evacuation plan

...our history, culture and historical sites such as G. W. Hamilton School and Charenton Park.

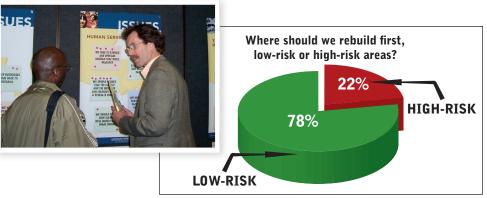
WE STRONGLY AGREE

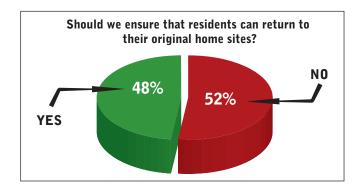
- 96% Changing our parish plans is an option if it makes the region stronger.
- **91%** Public buildings should not be built in high-risk areas
- **71%** Some places are too risky to rebuild
- We should prioritize flood protection over 64% other needs

SPLIT DECISIONS



57% Zoning and land-use plans should be used to quide rebuilding





ST. TAMMANY PARISH

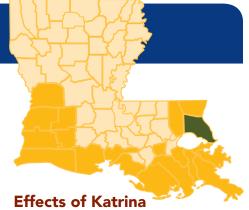
Residents are opposed to rebuilding in high-risk areas and support incorporating storm protection into recovery plans—as long as other needs do not suffer because of it.

WHEN WILL WE RETURN?

56% Safer than before

26% Same level of safety as before

18% Move back now



St. Tammany was one of the most severely affected parishes in Louisiana with 38,900 damage claims. Over 12,700 households or 16% of the original parish population—were evacuated.

WE TREASURE...

...our recreational and wildlife areas, the old town ambiance, and the Lake Pontchartrain lakefront.

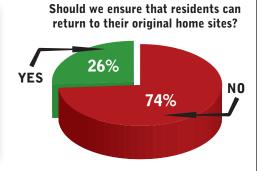
PARISH TOP PRIORITIES:

- #1 Build better levees & other hurricane protection
- #2 Restore coastal areas
- #3 Attract new businesses to the area
- **#4** Make highway and street improvements

WE STRONGLY AGREE

- 97% We should rebuild in low-risk areas first
- **97%** Zoning and land use plans should be used to guide rebuilding
- **94%** Changing our parish plans is an option if it makes the region stronger
- 93% Public buildings should not be rebuilt in high-risk areas
- **84%** Some areas are too risky to rebuild
- 74% It is not essential that residents be allowed to return to their original home sites

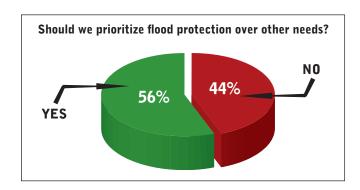
H. CHOICES TOUGH CHOICES



SPLIT DECISIONS



56% We should prioritize flood protection over other needs



TANGIPAHOA PARISH

Tangipahoa residents rank hurricane protection as their top priority. Residents are interested in using zoning and land use plans in the rebuilding process.

WHEN WILL WE RETURN?

89%

Safer than before

Same level of safety as before

Move back now

PARISH TOP PRIORITIES:

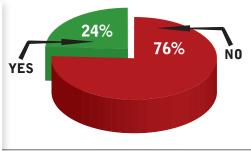
- #1 Build better levees & other hurricane protection
- #2 Encourage development of new housing
- #3 Make reconstruction jobs/training more available
- #4 Reducing Crime

WE TREASURE...

...our rural lifestyle, small community living, the dairy industry, and Southeastern University.

Should we prioritize flood protection over other needs?



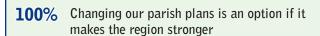


Effects of Katrina and Rita

Approximately 11,600 families reported damage to their homes. Tangipahoa had a

net increase of 2,250 households and an 18% increase in unemployment claims.

WE STRONGLY AGREE

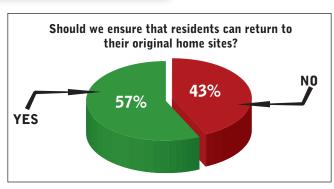


95% Some places are too risky to rebuild

95% Public buildings should not be rebuilt in high-risk areas

94% Zoning and land use plans should be used to guide rebuilding

78% We should rebuild in low-risk areas first



TERREBONNE PARISH

Although Terrebonne escaped widespread storm damage, residents want to be more proactive in protecting themselves from future storms. The parish is also dealing with a large population increase.

WHEN WILL WE RETURN?

59%

Safer than before

16% Same level of safety as before

25%

Move back now



Effects of Katrina and Rita

More than 7,900 families incurred damage to their homes due to the hurricanes. The parish had an increase of about 1.600 households due to the storms. The parish also experienced a 248 percent increase in unemployment claims after the disasters.

WE TREASURE...

...our coastal wetlands and the opportunities they provide, including hunting and fishing.

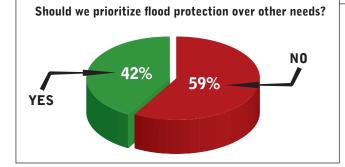
PARISH TOP PRIORITIES:

- #1 Restore coastal areas
- Build better levees & other hurricane protection
- #3 Protect the environment
- #4 Provide better community & social services

WE STRONGLY AGREE

- 100% Changing our parish plans is an option if it makes the region stronger
- **92%** Public buildings should not be rebuilt in high-risk areas
- 88% Some areas are too risky to rebuild
- **87%** We should rebuild in low-risk areas first





SPLIT DECISIONS

41% We should ensure that residents can return to their original home sites

41% We should prioritize flood protection over other needs

VERMILION PARISH

Parish residents are overwhelmingly concerned with storm protection issues and coastal restoration. Once safety issues are addressed, residents are very interested in developing the parish economy and encouraging new housing.

WHEN WILL WE RETURN?

80%

Safer than before

20% Same level of safety as before

0%

Move back now



Over 6,800 homes were reported severely damaged or destroyed. Over 65% of parish agricultural and pasture land was contaminated with saltwater from the hurricane's storm surge. In the aftermath, essential community resources were crippled.

WE TREASURE...

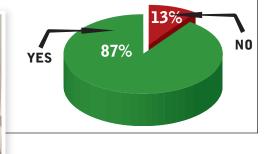
...our natural resources. The preservation of local culture is intertwined with concerns for the sustainability of our local fishing, crawfish and rice farming.

PARISH TOP PRIORITIES:

- #1 Build better levees & other hurricane protection
- #2 Restore coastal areas
- #3 Attract new businesses to the area
- Encourage development of new housing

WE STRONGLY AGREE

- 100% Changing our parish plans is an option if it makes the region stronger.
- **89%** Zoning and land use plans should be used to guide rebuilding
- **86%** Public buildings should not be rebuilt in high-risk areas
- **83%** It is not essential that residents be allowed to return to their original home sites
- **76%** Some places are too risky to rebuild



Should we prioritize flood protection over other needs?

SPLIT DECISIONS



50% We should rebuild in low-risk areas first

VERNON PARISH

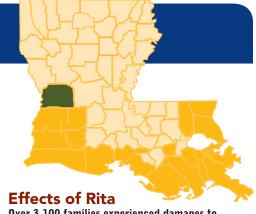
Results in Vernon Parish reflect greater concern with economic development, roads and evacuation planning than with storm protection. This is consistent with the fact that Vernon is dealing with a major influx of evacuees from coastal parishes and has experienced both direct and indirect economic impacts. Vernon residents seem to support taking a regional view in recovery planning for the benefit of everyone.

WHEN WILL WE RETURN?

60% Safer than before

26% Same level of safety as before

14% Move back now



Over 3,100 families experienced damages to their homes due to Hurricane Rita. An increase of 569 households occurred in the aftermath of the disasters.

PARISH TOP PRIORITIES:

- #1 Attract new businesses to the area
- #2 Make reconstruction jobs/training more available
- #3 Make highway and street improvements
- #4 Devise a workable evacuation plan

WE TREASURE...

...our heritage and history. The natural resources, especially fishing and wildlife, are a community treasure. We want to preserve Fort Polk and the timber industry.

WE STRONGLY AGREE

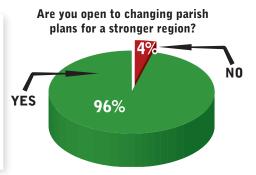
- **91%** Flood protection should not be prioritized over other needs
- **90%** Public buildings should not be rebuilt in high-risk areas
- **86%** Zoning and land use plans should be used to guide rebuilding
- **80%** We should rebuild in low-risk areas first
- **78%** Some areas are too risky to rebuild

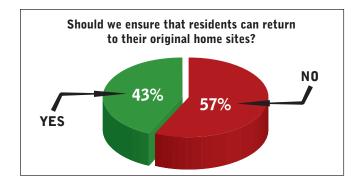
SPLIT DECISIONS



43% We should ensure that residents can return to their original home sites







WASHINGTON PARISH

Washington Parish was mostly affected by high wind; both residential housing and the timber industry suffered extensive wind damage. The parish also experienced an influx of evacuees from other areas. While parish residents show a preference for safety, they are also focused on economic development and infrastructure improvements.

WHEN WILL WE RETURN?

Safer than before 51%

43% Same level of safety as before

Move back now

WE TREASURE...

Washington Parish Fairgrounds.

...our parks and natural treasures such as Cassidy Park, the Bogue Chitto River and the



Approximately 7,430 Washington Parish families reported damages to their homes due to Hurricane Katrina, Timber losses in the parish are estimated at \$147 million, affecting both jobs, availablity and individual land owners.

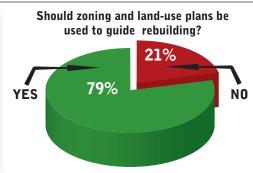
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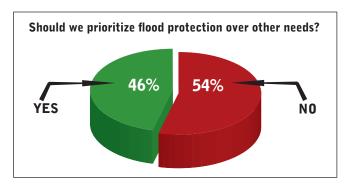
- **#1** Attract new businesses to the area
- Make highway and street improvements
- Improve the schools
- Provide better community & social services

WE STRONGLY AGREE

- 99% We should rebuild in low-risk areas first
- 97% Changing our parish plans is an option if it makes our region stronger
- 96% Public buildings should not be rebuilt in high-risk areas
- **79%** Zoning and land use plans should be used to guide rebuilding
- **71%** It is not essential that residents be allowed to return to their original home sites
- **62%** Some areas are too risky to rebuild







APPENDIX

Louisiana Recovery Planning Day Statewide Summary

Source: Jan 21, 2006, 37 events

PLANNING PRINCIPLES	Rank	Percentage
UNIFY:	3	18%
a. All segments of community represented		2070
b. Embrace diversity		
c. Homeownership opportunities		
COOPERATE	4	14%
d. One voice	<u> </u>	
e. Public and private sectors work together		
f. Local governments cooperate		
PROTECT	2	22%
q. Prepare for and lessen future disasters		7
h. Architecture and heritage maintained		
i. Balance respect for individual rights		
PRESERVE	6	9%
j. Land use decisions		
k. Preserve past		
REBUILD	1	23%
I. Support recovery by restoring confidence		
m. Engine for local economies		
n. Public policies promote healthy communities	 5	
o. Insurable housing		
IMPROVE	5	14%
p. Utilize planning		
q. Growth sustainable		
r. Mixed-income neighborhoods		
s. Recovery decisions		

TREASURES	Rank	Percentage
a. Historical buildings/landmarks	4	12%
b. Parks and natural areas	3	14%
c. Rural Lifestyle	5	9%
d. Cultural/social/food	1	35%
e. Wildlife protection	7	4%
f. Recreation activities (hunting/fishing)	6	6 %
g. Other	2	22%

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VISION	Rank	Percentage
a. Values connections	3	13%
b. Offers ample employment	1	17%
c. Has clean air and water	7	9%
d. Has utility and transportation	8	9%
e. Embraces heritage	5	10%
f. Ensures all citizens are safe	6	10%
g. Encourages public involvement	9	7%
h. Offers a wide range of housing	4	10%
i. Has reasonable levels of protection	2	15%

APPENDIX

Louisiana Recovery Planning Day Statewide Summary

Source: Jan 21, 2006, 37 events

TOUGH CHOICES	Statewide			
	YES		NO	
a. Are some places too at risk to rebuild?	74	%	26%	
b. Should we address issues of poverty, hurricane/ flood risk and environmental protection, even if that means building back differently than before?	98%		2%	
	LOWER RISK/ LOWER DAMAGE	HIGH-RISK/ LOWER DAMAGE	LOWER RISK/ HIGH DAMAGE	HIGH-RISK/ HIGH DAMAGE
c. Where should we rebuild and reinvest first?	47%	10%	32%	11%
	YES		NO	
d. If improving levees and building new ones along the coastline meant there would not be enough money to fund all of the housing, transportation, and other needs in your parish, would that be okay?	50%		50%	
e. If everyone who wants to return home comes back, should the community ensure that they can go back to their original home sites?	49%		51%	
f. Should government spend tax limited dollars to rebuild public buildings and other facilities in high-risk areas where they are likely to experience significant losses from future natural disasters?	24%		76 %	
	Safer than before	Same as before	I'll move back now	
g. How safe must you and your community be before you decide to return, rebuild or reinvest?	63%	16%	21%	
	YE	S	N	10
h. Are you open to changing your parish's plans to make the region stronger?	96%		4%	
i. For community recovery, should zoning and land use plans be used to guide rebuilding?	85%		15%	

SURVEY	Statewide (by Rank)		
If you were in charge of rebuilding and could work on only three top priorities, what would they be? Check ONLY THREE (3) from the list below:			
Build better levees and other hurricane protection	58%		
Encourage development of new housing	34%		
Restore coastal areas	27%		
Improve the schools	26%		
Make reconstruction jobs/training more available	26%		
Attract new businesses to the area	25 %		
Provide better community & social services	21%		
Make highway and street improvements	13%		
Reducing crime	13%		
Devise a workable evacuation plan	13%		
Protecting the environment	12%		
Buy out flood-prone properties	10%		
Provide a better public transportation system	9 %		
Supporting the arts and culture	7 %		
Creating more parks and open spaces	5%		

Thank You!

LOUISIANA SPEAKS:

LONG-TERM COMMUNITY RECOVERY PLANNING

LOUISIANA SPEAKS is a multifaceted planning initiative that draws from the input, dedication, involvement and experience of thousands of individuals, from community volunteers, to governmental officials and employees, to world renowned experts in disaster mitigation and urban planning. The statewide involvement in the planning process began on October 27, 2005, when Louisiana Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco established the Louisiana Recovery Authority (LRA), led by a 26-member Board of Directors.

LRA, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and other federal and state agencies, staff **LOUISIANA SPEAKS**. This partnership is helping impacted parishes plan for recovery. In partnership with local governments and a variety of non-governmental stakeholders, long-term community recovery teams are working in 18 parishes to develop parish-specific recovery plans. Louisiana Recovery Planning Day provided critical input for these plans by giving Louisianans an opportunity to share their ideas and desires for long-term recovery.

Scheduled to be completed in March 2006, parish-specific long-term recovery plans will help local, state, and federal agencies identify funding priorities and partnership possibilities. The plans will also inform ongoing regional and statewide planning.

LOUISIANA SPEAKS would like to recognize the contribution of members of professional organizations for their assistance in facilitating the Austin, Dallas, San Antonio, Houston, Memphis and Atlanta Recovery Planning Day events. The supporting professional organizations include:

- American Institute of Architects
- American Planning Association
- American Society of Civil Engineers
- American Society of Landscape Architects
- International Economic Development Council
- National Trust for Historic Preservation
- Regional Planning Councils
- Urban Land Institute





Other Federal and State Partners

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Department of Agriculture
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- U.S. Department of Transportation
- U.S. Economic Development Administration
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals
- Louisiana Department of Social Services
- Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development
- Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
- Louisiana Finance Agency
- Louisiana Office of Community Development
- Louisiana Office of the Governor

Host-Your-Own Partners

- American Red Cross-Southeastern Michigan Chapter
- Heartland Alliance-Chicago
- The Salvation Army-Phoenix
- The Salvation Army-Las Vegas
- The Salvation Army—Golden State Division
- The Salvation Army of Nashville
- The Salvation Army-The Southern California Division
- United Way of Greater St Louis

Long-Term Community Recovery Planning information is available through:

- Long-Term Recovery Planning Teams (see list of storefronts on the back cover)
- · www.lra.louisiana.gov, the LRA Web site

YOU SAID...

I think that diversifying the economic base and creating quality jobs is the key to our future.

...The **good life** will return when we can attract and sustain good employers offering good jobs. All else will follow...

We must **restore** the vast areas of coastal wetlands that we've lost.

Don't just fix the schools—fix the communities around them. We will never move ahead with the same skills we have today.

We need an Economic Plan that **matches ow culture** ... Economy that supports small businesses instead of larger corporations.

Make quicker decisions that will keep the coastline healthy and thriving.

Fund and support (e.g. stipends, space) for artists and musicians.

Help rebuild low to moderate income areas through economic development.

The traditional architecture *helps* in the reconstruction. It withstands things much better.

Without coastal restoration the other issues are not important.

If we are going to keep living here, we must build better bourvers to future storm surges, whether they are better levees, floodwalls or wetlands barriers.

Revitalizing our **H** istoric **D** istricts is not only an economic development issue – it's a housing and community development issue. Let's put all the blighted properties in historic districts back into service as housing. Don't demolish!

An ounce of **prevention** is worth a ton of recovery.

Coastal erosion must be addressed or coastal towns will cease to exist. The coast needs to be rebuilt to support all industries involved-ports, fisheries, offshore, etc.

Rather than spend millions raising homes, spend those millions building a **protective levee system** across the whole southern part of the state.

We need to fix schools that were lost.

Every effort should be made ... [to support] ... startup, existing and displaced businesses to return to their communities.

Need more affordable housing. In order for area to grow smart, housing development is important.

Coastal **restoration** must be regional and combined with flood protection.

Government will not and can not be the long term economic engine for recovery. Business must be given all **recessory tools** to recover and put Louisiana back to work.

It seems imperative to *develop* some sensible robust mass housing types for our coastal parishes. Building on slabs in low lying areas doesn't make much sense.

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Never before has it been more important for the people of Louisiana to be heard.

Come share your ideas for Louisiana's future.

Stop by one of the 20 Long-Term Community Recovery Storefronts across south Louisiana or visit us online at www.lra.louisiana.gov.

Allen Parish

130 W. 6th Ave Oberlin,70655

Beauregard Parish

1118 N. Pine, Ste. G DeRidder, 70634

Calcasieu Parish

319 Broad St. Lake Charles, 70601

Cameron Parish

Grand Lake Boone's Corner Hwy. 384 Grand Lake, 70607, **or**

986 Main St. Hackberry, 70645

Iberia Parish

113 W.Main St. New Iberia, 70560

Jefferson Parish

4436 Veterans Blvd. Ste. 18 Metairie, 70006

Jefferson Davis Parish

108 N. Railroad Welsh, 70591

Lafourche Parish

DRC Old Bingo Hall, 4560 Hwy 1 Raceland, 70394

Orleans Parish

Amoco Building, 1340 Poydras St. 6th Floor; New Orleans, 70112

Plaquemines Parish

8495 Highway 23 Belle Chasse, 70037

St. Bernard Parish

8103 F. Judge Perez Dr. Chalmette, 70043

St. Charles Parish

124 Apple St. Norco, 70079

St.Mary Parish

521 Main St. Franklin, 70538

St. Tammany Parish

124 Gerard St.
Mandeville, 70448

Tangipahoa Parish

313 E. Oak St. Amite, 70422

Terrebonne Parish

Town Hall, 805 Barrow St. Houma, 70360

Vermilion Parish

102 N. Henry Abbeville, 70510

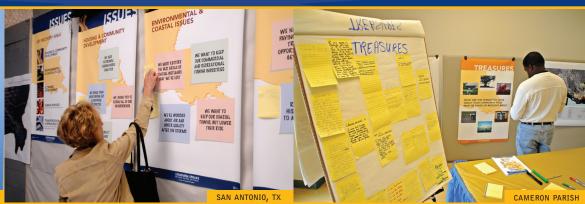
Vernon Parish

116 S. 3rd St. Leesville, 71446

Washington Parish

1004 Bene St. Franklinton, 70438







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